

**September 1, 2008**

# **Montana Healthcare Programs Notice**

## **Inpatient Hospitals**

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### **Present on Admission Indicator**

Effective for inpatient claims with first date of service October 1, 2008, Present on Admission (POA) indicator will be required for all inpatient hospital claims.

- POA is reported on the 837I in Loop 2300.
- The POA indicator is reported on the paper UB-04 in the eighth digit (shaded area) of FL67 for the principal diagnosis and in the eighth digit (shaded area) of FL67A-Q for each secondary diagnosis.
- Your claim will deny after October 1, 2008, if there is not a valid POA indicator for each diagnosis.

Valid Values for POA:

- Y = Present at the time of inpatient admission
- N = Not present at the time of inpatient admission
- U = Documentation is insufficient to determine if condition is present on admission
- W = Provider is unable to clinically determine whether condition was present on admission
- 1 = Exempt from reporting

Montana Healthcare Programs will require POA even for exempt hospitals and codes. For billing purposes you must report a value of 1 on exempt codes. If you are an exempt hospital you may report a value of 1 for non-exempt codes or you may use other valid values.

### **Contact Information**

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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